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I would estimate that about 15% of the officers are on leave in the USSR at any one time. About 9,000 officers go on leave each month. All officers go on leave through transparent-on-order /sig/ and Brest-Litovsk /sig/. There are two trains daily for officers going on leave. One starts from Berlin the other from Frankfurt-on-Oder. About 75% of the officers going on leave will take their leave during the period of January-July. The remaining 25% take their leave during October-December. Officer replacements take place during the October - December period. About one-third of the officers are rotated each year. Troop replacements are not made on the two trains described above. About 250 - 300 officers pass through Frankfurt-on-Oder daily.

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There was a big turnover in 1949 at which time about 50% of the personnel was transferred. Otherwise there are yearly changes in the fall, comprising about 20%. Replacements are on a man-for-man and rank-for-rank basis except when an officer has just finished school, in which case the Cadre Section makes assignments where necessary. In other words, there were no restrictions on duties and ranks of those transferred.

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